Supply of power drills to ryots in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 1337 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government power drills in the State, which are in working condition and in actual use;

(*b*) the number of applications from ryots for the power drills pending before the District Collector, Tiruchirappalli, or before the Assistant Director of Industries and Commerce, Tiruchirappalli;

(*c*) the normal period of use of a drill by a ryot;

(*d*) whether any representation was received by the Government for the allotment of an additional power drill for Tiruchirappalli; and if so, whether any allotment was made; and

(*e*) how the order of allotment is fixed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) Twenty, Sir.

" (*b*) The number of applications from ryots for the power drills pending before the District Collector, Tiruchirappalli is 31.

" (*c*) The normal period of use of a drill by a ryot cannot be fixed as it depends usually upon the hardness of the stratum drilled through, the depth at which springs are met with and the strength of the springs.

" (*d*) Yes, Sir. Two additional power drills have been allotted to Tiruchirappalli district.

" (*e*) The order of allotment is fixed every year by the Collector in consultation with the District Planning Board."

Number of steamers calling at the Nagapattinam Port in a month.

* 1338 Q.—SRI S. VADIVELU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of steamers that were calling at the Nagapattinam Port in a fortnight or a month in the years 1939 to 1941 and in 1950 to 1953 April?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" The average number of steamers that called at the Nagapattinam Port in a month and a fortnight in the years 1939 to 1941 and 1950 to 1953 April are:

1939 — 11 per month and 5 per fortnight.
1940 — 6 ,, 3 ,,
1941 — 6 ,, 3 ,,
1950 — 3 ,, 1 ,,
1951 — 5 ,, 2 ,,
1952 — 4 ,, 2 ,,
1953 (up to April) 5 per month and 2 per fortnight.